



TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

County Council

MINUTES

July 13, 2021

Present – President Chuck F. Callahan, Vice President Pete Leshner, Frank Divilio, Corey Pack, Laura Price, County Manager Clay Stamp, and Acting County Attorney Patrick Thomas.

- I. Agenda – Mr. Callahan requested and received unanimous consent for approval of the Agenda of Tuesday, July 13, 2021.
- II. Minutes - Mr. Callahan requested and received unanimous consent for approval of the Minutes of Tuesday, June 8, 2021 and Tuesday, June 22, 2021.
- III. Disbursements – Mr. Callahan requested and received unanimous consent for approval of the Disbursements of Tuesday, June 29, 2021, Tuesday, July 6, 2021, and Tuesday, July 13, 2021.
- IV. Presentation and Request from Upper Shore Workforce Investment Board Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Combined Plan 2020-2024 – Dan McDermott, Executive Director, Upper Shore Workforce Investment Board – Mr. McDermott briefed the Council on the role and mission of the Upper Shore Workforce Investment Board, which, along with its counterparts throughout the country, are required by the federally legislated Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act. He stated that the job of the workforce board in each jurisdiction is to bring federal employment and training resources into the region which encompasses Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne’s and Talbot counties. He stated that the Upper Shore Workforce Investment Board, along with its partner agencies, works with employers to determine their needs and to connect citizens looking for employment with gaining skills, finding a job, keeping a job, and managing a paycheck. Mr. McDermott encouraged anyone interested in investing in training to forward an email to uswib2020@gmail.com. Council discussion ensued with Mr. McDermott. Mr. McDermott requested Council’s concurrence to bring federal employment and training resources into the area as outlined in the Upper Shore Workforce Investment Board Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act Combined Plan for 2020-2024. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council concurred with the Combined Plan as presented, by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye

- V. Update by Talbot Humane – Patty Crankshaw-Quimby, Executive Director, Talbot Humane – Ms. Crankshaw-Quimby provided statistical information for Talbot Humane for FY 2021 with regard to the number of animals received at the Shelter, reunited with their owners, adopted into homes or foster care, and Animal Control’s response to complaints. She stated that there was a 6% decrease in animals taken in at the Shelter in the last fiscal year which she attributed in part to the various programs provided by Talbot Humane. She stated that Talbot Humane continues to see the number of bite cases increase and encouraged individuals to use proper restraint with their animals, learn to read their behavior and to be careful with pets around children. She provided information on provisions from Talbot Humane’s pet pantry to requests from individuals for assistance so the pets could remain with their owners. Ms. Crankshaw-Quimby briefed the Council on the continued success of the spay/neuter program, the importance of the microchipping program, the continuation of the pet loss support group during COVID-19 through Zoom, and the internship program.

She outlined various on-going or upcoming fundraising efforts and stated that 2022 will mark the 90th year of the organization's service to the community. Council discussion ensued with Ms. Crankshaw-Quimby as various matters were brought forward. Talbot Humane will continue to update the Council on a regular or as-needed basis.

VI. Public Hearings:

Bill No. 1474, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO AIRPORT ROAD; and

Bill No. 1475, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NO. 1419, THE APPROPRIATION FOR A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A BELT FILTER PRESS TO UPGRADE THE REGION II (ST. MICHAELS) WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT; and

Bill No. 1476, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE A MASTER PLAN FOR THE BILL BURTON STATE PARK LOCATED AT 29761 BOLINGBROKE POINT DRIVE, TRAPPE, MARYLAND; and

Bill No. 1477, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NOS. 1366 AND 1448, THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BLACK DOG ALLEY; and

Bill No. 1478, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE EXPANSION OF BROADBAND TO UNSERVED AND UNDERSERVED AREAS OF TALBOT COUNTY; and

Bill No. 1479, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NO. 1244, THE APPROPRIATION FOR A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE ROOF REPLACEMENT AT THE TALBOT COUNTY COURTHOUSE SOUTH WING; and

Bill No. 1480, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NOS. 1393 AND 1452, THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FREDERICK DOUGLASS PARK ON THE TUCKAHOE LOCATED AT 13213 LEWISTOWN ROAD, QUEEN ANNE, MARYLAND; and

Bill No. 1481, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE REPLACEMENT OF THE ROOF AT EASTON HIGH SCHOOL; and

Bill No. 1482, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NO. 1459, THE APPROPRIATION FOR A CAPITAL PROJECT TO RESURFACE/REPAVE THE EASTON HIGH SCHOOL PARKING LOT; and

Bill No. 1483, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NO. 1449, THE APPROPRIATION FOR A CAPITAL PROJECT TO REPLACE THE EASTON HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TRACK; and

Bill No. 1484, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES STATIONS; and

Bill No. 1485, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE ICE PLANT AT THE TALBOT COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER ICE RINK; and

Bill No. 1486, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NO. 1424, THE APPROPRIATION FOR A CAPITAL PROJECT TO PURCHASE LAND FOR FUTURE COUNTY PURPOSES; and

Bill No. 1487, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NO. 1396, THE APPROPRIATION FOR A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TALBOT COUNTY GOVERNMENT BAY STREET FACILITY PARKING LOTS, EASTON, MARYLAND; and

Bill No. 1488, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE UPGRADE OR REPLACEMENT OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AT THE PRESERVE AT WYE MILLS; and

Bill No. 1489, A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TALBOT COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER; and

Bill No. 1490, A BILL TO AMEND BILL NOS. 1366, 1430 AND 1454, THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE REGION II (ST. MICHAELS) WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENTS; and

Bill No. 1491, A BILL TO ABANDON BILL NO. 1461, WHICH AUTHORIZED A CAPITAL PROJECT FOR THE RESURFACING/REPAVING OF THE ST. MICHAELS SCHOOL PARKING LOT were read into the record by the Clerk and brought forward for public hearing and the public was provided an opportunity to comment on the legislation. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Pack, the Council approved bringing Bill Nos. 1474 – 1491 to third reader by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye

Upon motion by Ms. Price, and no objection by the Council, a full reading of the legislation was waived.

The Council approved Bill No. 1474 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye

The Council approved Bill No. 1475 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye

The Council approved Bill No. 1476 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye

The Council approved Bill No. 1477 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye

The Council approved Bill No. 1478 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye

The Council approved Bill No. 1479 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye

The Council approved Bill No. 1480 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye

The Council approved Bill No. 1481 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye

The Council approved Bill No. 1482 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye

The Council approved Bill No. 1483 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye

The Council approved Bill No. 1484 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye

The Council approved Bill No. 1485 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye

The Council approved Bill No. 1486 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye

The Council approved Bill No. 1487 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye

The Council approved Bill No. 1488 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye

The Council approved Bill No. 1489 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye

The Council approved Bill No. 1490 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye

The Council approved Bill No. 1491 by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack – Aye

Bill Nos. 1474 – 1491, the FY 2021-2022 Capital Enabling Legislation, will become effective as provided in the legislation.

- VII. Discussion of Application for State Discharge Permit 19DP3460, National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), for Trappe East (a/k/a Lakeside) Wastewater Treatment Plant to the Maryland Department of the Environment – Ray Clarke, County Engineer, stated that the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) had recently issued a Tentative Determination for the Trappe East Wastewater Treatment Plant Groundwater Discharge Permit. He stated that should Talbot County or any of its citizens have any concerns related to the Tentative Determination, a formal written request would need to be made to MDE to request a public hearing on the matter. Mr. Clarke stated that it is his recommendation and the recommendation of the Talbot County Public Works Advisory Board that Council submit a letter to MDE requesting a public hearing on the Tentative Determination; the deadline for receipt of requests for a public hearing is July 15, 2021. Ms. Price made a motion to forward a letter to MDE requesting that a public hearing on the Tentative Determination be scheduled; Mr. Leshner seconded the motion and Council discussion ensued. Patrick Thomas, Acting County Attorney, stated that Resolution No. 281, the subject of the Tentative Determination for State Discharge Permit 19DP3460, was approved by MDE in November 2020 and is now a part of the County's Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan. Members of the public were provided an opportunity to comment. Council discussion again ensued. Mr. Clarke stated that the deadline for receipt of written comments on the Tentative Determination is July 26, 2021. The Council approved forwarding a letter to MDE to request a public hearing on the matter by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack - Aye

VIII. Update by Department of Parks and Recreation – Preston Peper, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation – Mr. Peper stated that although the Department of Parks and Recreation shut its doors during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic until gradually opening back up as permitted, the parks and landings themselves attracted many users throughout the pandemic. He stated that after gradually allowing people back into the Community Center, the Department has rebounded well and he commended his staff for their assistance in making the rebound possible. Mr. Peper provided an update on the following topics for his department: the various sports clinics held by the Department since the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions, the successful management of the County pools by Coastline Pools, continued promotion of the availability of public roller skating at the Community Center, success of this year’s summer camps, room rentals, COVID-19 vaccination clinics, landing ramp permits, the status of the master plan for the Frederick Douglass Park on the Tuckahoe, and the redesign of the Parks and Recreation website and updated software to make the website more user friendly. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Peper as various matters were brought forward. Council noted the importance of the Department of Parks and Recreation to the Talbot County community and thanked Mr. Peper and his staff for all their hard work. Mr. Peper will continue to update the Council on a regular or as-needed basis.

IX. Council Consideration of Traffic Advisory Committee Recommendation of Request for Temporary Road Closure of Three Bridge Branch Road for Chesapeake Bay Balloon Festival (Friday, July 30, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.; Saturday, July 1, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and on Sunday, August 1, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.) – Mike Mertaugh, Assistant County Engineer – Mr. Mertaugh, speaking on behalf of the Traffic Advisory Committee, presented the Committee’s recommendation for approval of the request for temporary closure of Three Bridge Branch Road for the 2021 Chesapeake Bay Balloon Festival event from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., Friday, July 30, 2021 through Sunday, August 1, 2021. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Mertaugh. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council approved the Traffic Advisory Committee’s recommendation for the temporary road closure by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack - Aye

X. County Manager’s Report:

A. Talbot County Economic Development Commission – Requested Council approval for the appointment of Commissioner James Jaramillo to a three-year term on the Talbot County Economic Development Commission as the Town of Oxford’s representative; said term will expire on June 30, 2024. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Ms. Price, the Council approved the appointment by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack - Aye

- B. Talbot County Tourism Board – Requested Council approval for the reappointment of Capt. Judy Bixler to a four-year term on the Talbot County Tourism Board as the Town of Oxford’s representative; said term will expire on July 1, 2025. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Pack, the Council approved the reappointment by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack - Aye

- C. Bid No. 20-04, REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES – FERRY POINT MARINA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT – TRAPPE – TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND (Amendment No. 1 – Preliminary Engineering Report – The Preserve at Wye Mills) – Requested Council approval of the County Engineer’s recommendation to award Amendment No. 1 for Bid No. 20-04 to Rauch, Inc. in the sum of \$18,000. Ray Clarke, County Engineer, stated that Rauch, Inc. was awarded the contract for Bid No. 20-04, engineering design for the Ferry Point Wastewater Treatment Plant in Trappe. He stated that the County is looking to install the same type of treatment plant at The Preserve at Wye Mills in order to standardize operations and in anticipation of the County possibly taking over the operations of wastewater treatment plant at The Preserve at Wye Mills. Mr. Clarke stated that The Preserve at Wye Mills Homeowners Association had executed a Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement with the County which outlines guidelines for repayment of the cost of the Preliminary Engineering Report. Mr. Pack made a motion to approve the recommendation; Ms. Price seconded the motion and Council discussion ensued. The Council approved the recommendation to award Bid No. 20-04 (Amendment No. 1) by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack - Aye

- D. Request from Talbot County Department of Parks and Recreation – Requested Council approval to have the Department of Parks and Recreation apply for and accept Maryland Department of Natural Resources Program Open Space (POS) funding for the following projects, each of which was outlined by Preston Peper, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation: (1) Talbot County Community Center – Seeding of playable areas with Bermuda grass and irrigation for same; (2) Talbot County Community Center - Establishment of outdoor Pickleball courts; (3) Talbot County Community Center – Concession Stand/Restroom Replacement; (4)

Frederick Douglass Park on the Tuckahoe Improvements to include scenic overlooks, pollinator meadow and walking trails; and (5) Talbot County Community Center Skating Rink Ice Plant Replacement as outlined in the FY2022 Capital Enabling legislation. Mr. Peper stated that the purpose of designating the available POS funding to specific projects is so that the monies cannot be requested back by the State in future years; he stated that the projects could change; however, the funds would still be considered to be encumbered. Council discussion ensued with Mr. Peper. Upon motion by Mr. Pack, seconded by Mr. Leshner, the Council approved having the Department of Parks and Recreation submit an application for POS funding for the projects as presented by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye
Mr. Divilio – Aye
Mr. Leshner – Aye
Ms. Price – Aye
Mr. Pack - Aye

Mr. Stamp concluded the County Manager’s Report by expressing his appreciation to the Council for approving the Capital Enabling legislation. He stated when funding is allocated to capital improvement projects, the pillars which help make Talbot County a resilient community: education, infrastructure, environment, economic stability, public safety health and welfare, are taken into consideration. On behalf of the County’s department heads and employees, Mr. Stamp expressed his appreciation to the Council for their leadership.

XI. Public Comments: Members of the public were afforded an opportunity to comment on matters of interest to them.

XII. Council Comments:

Ms. Price - Ms. Price stated that starting tomorrow, MACo will begin getting ready for the next legislative session in January 2022. She stated that as a member of the Legislative Initiatives Committee for MACo, approximately 40 to 50 ideas will be presented which will ultimately be reduced to three or four initiatives. She stated that the Committee will also receive an update on the 2021 Legislative Session. Ms. Price concluded her comments by stating that she is looking forward to continuing to represent MACo and to see what State issues will be forthcoming.

Mr. Pack - Mr. Pack stated that he had recently attended a National Association of Counties (NACo) Conference at the Gaylord Hotel at National Harbor and had had a wonderful time. He stated that there were, in his opinion, a lot of great speakers including guest speaker, Vice President Harris; House Speaker Nancy Pelosi was there as well. Mr. Pack stated that, in his opinion, it was an opportunity to be with other Council members from around the nation to discuss various matters specific to their localities and how they are handling the planning stage for the American Rescue Plan funding that will be forthcoming to states, counties and municipalities across the nation. He stated that he had gotten a lot of good ideas from the different classes he had attended and he looks forward to further participation. He stated that he had attended the leadership class last fall during the

COVID-19 shutdown and had been happy to have been a part of that as well. Mr. Pack concluded his comments by extending congratulations to Hugh Grunden of Easton Utilities who was recently recognized with an exceptional leadership award by the American Public Power Association.

Mr. Divilio - Mr. Divilio stated that he would not be in attendance at the July 27th Council meeting.

Mr. Leshner - No comments.

Mr. Callahan - Mr. Callahan expressed his appreciation to those who had expressed their thoughts this evening. He concurred with Mr. Stamp's statement that the County has a lot of great things that it is going to accomplish in the next couple of years and he is happy to be a part of it; we are looking out for the community and we've got a lot of positive things going on.

- XIII. Upon motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Divilio, the Council voted to adjourn and to reconvene on Tuesday, July 27 at 3:30 p.m. for a work session with Cassandra Vanhooser, Director of Economic Development and Tourism, on the Eastern Shore Recovery Project; at 4:30 p.m. in Open Session and immediately adjourn into Closed Session for discussion of legal, personnel and real estate matters as listed on the statement for closing the meeting, and at 6:00 p.m. for the regularly-scheduled meeting by voting 5 – 0 as follows:

Mr. Callahan – Aye

Mr. Divilio – Aye

Mr. Leshner – Aye

Ms. Price – Aye

Mr. Pack - Aye

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

The transcript of the July 13, 2021 County Council meeting is available for review in the Office of the Talbot County Manager during regular office hours.

- XIV. Work Session with Town of Easton Regarding Easton Point – The Council held a work session with Mayor Willey and members of the Easton Town Council on Monday, July 12, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bradley Meeting Room. The purpose of the work session was to discuss the Town's vision for future development of Easton Point. Mayor Willey presented the Town's Easton Point Concept Plan and outlined various features proposed to be incorporated in the Plan, use of the former Southern States property which is in the process of being purchased by the Town, expanded parking facilities for cars and boat trailers to alleviate current congestion along Port Street, the proposed "relocation" of the County-owned boat ramp, the extension of the Rails-to-Trails, and proposed use for the County owned house at 925 Port Street. Mayor Willey requested that the property at Easton Point known as Flood Alley be added as a future discussion item between the Town and the County to in order to determine ownership and expressed the Town's interest in purchasing the property. Council discussion ensued with Mayor Willey and the Town Council regarding closure of the boat ramp at its current location and the construction of a larger boat ramp at another location at Easton Point, if the County Council were to decide to permit the Town to do so, the timing of the proposed boat ramp project, and various factors related to same. Other matters brought forward by the representatives included replacement of the 925 Port St. property which was purchased with County POS funds; whether the County or the Town would issue landing permits and the new proposed signal light on MD Rt. 322 at its intersection with Glenwood Ave, which would be used to assist those turning left onto Glenwood Avenue as well as pedestrians and bicyclists with crossing over MD Rt. 322,

the Easton Bypass. Council discussion again ensued. Via a straw poll, the Council approved the concept of the Town’s proposal for the Easton Point project by 5 – 0. At the County’s request, the points discussed and concerns to be addressed will be put in writing and forwarded to the County Council for further review. The work session concluded at 6:19 p.m.

XV. Work Session to Discuss Dredging of Knapps Narrows and Section 107 Study – The Council held a work session with representatives of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, Kevin Brennan, Chief Navigation Branch, Operations Division; and Anastasiya Kononova, Continuing Authorities Program Manager; and Isaac Wilding, Dredging Coordinator, Chesapeake & Coastal Service, Maryland Department of Natural Resources to discuss the County’s concerns related to the silting of Knapps Narrows Channel in Tilghman, Maryland. Ray Clarke, Talbot County Engineer, provided information on water depths immediately following the last maintenance dredging in 2018 and the subsequent silting in of the Knapps Narrows Channel since that time at a rate which has proven to be a detriment to boats trying to traverse Knapps Narrows. Mr. Clarke stated that it is his professional opinion that the silting is the result of a failure of several Geotubes installed by the Corps of Engineers around Tar Island, adjacent to Knapps Narrows at the time of the last maintenance dredging. Council discussion ensued with the Corps of Engineers representatives. At the representatives’ recommendation, a letter will be forwarded to the Corps of Engineers to determine the Federal Government’s interest in the project and cost for same. The representatives stated that the primary reason that funding was provided for the 2018 maintenance dredging project, in addition to Section 107, was due to need for the Poplar Island crew boat to traverse through Knapps Narrows. The representatives stated that if the project were to be approved, the timeframe for funding of the maintenance dredging project would be one to two years.

XVI. Summary of Closed Session Held on July 13, 2021:

1. Statement of the time, place, and purpose of the closed session:

Time of closed session: 4:35 p.m. to 5:55 p.m.
 Place of closed session: Bradley Meeting Room, South Wing, Courthouse, 11 North Washington Street, Easton, MD
 Purpose of the closed session: To consider various matters as set forth in the statement for closing the meeting

2. Record of the vote of each member as to closing the session:

Names of members voting aye: Callahan, Divilio, Leshner, Price
 Members opposed: None
 Abstaining: None
 Absent: Pack (arrived at 4:45 p.m.)

3. Statutory authority to close session and listing of each topic actually discussed, persons present, and each action taken in the session:

Topic description	Statutory authority	Persons present	Action taken
To discuss appointments to various County boards and committees	GP § 3-305 (b) (1)(i)	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas	No action

To discuss personnel matter in Department of Emergency Services	GP § 3-305(b)(1)(i)	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas	No action
To discuss public security at Courthouse	GP § 3-305(b)(10)	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas	No action
To discuss proposal for possible acquisition of property in Easton	GP § 3-305(b)(3)	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas	No action
For legal advice on special taxing districts	GP § 3-305(b)(7)	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas	Staff to prepare language for Council’s review
Update on lawsuit (Complaint for Writ of Mandamus)	GP § 3-305(b)(7) and (8)	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas, Andrew Meehan, Esq.	Council directed staff to prepare filing
For legal advice on discharge permit for Trappe Wastewater Treatment Plant and tentative determination by Maryland Department of the Environment	GP § 3-305(b)(7)	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Laura Price, Corey Pack, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas	No action
For legal advice on litigation involving Angel Enterprises	GP § 3-305(b)(7) and (8)	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Jessica	Council direction to file response in Court

		Morris, Patrick Thomas	
For legal advice on opioid litigation	GP § 3-305(b)(7) and (8)	Chuck Callahan, Frank Divilio, Pete Leshner, Corey Pack, Laura Price, Clay Stamp, Jessica Morris, Patrick Thomas	Council direction to approve settlement offer

CASH STATEMENT 6/29/2021

BALANCE 6/22/2021	38,050,796.07
TOTAL ADP PAYROLL PPE 6/11/2021	(656,650.18)
PENSION DED PPE 6/11/2021	(39,011.58)
DEFERRED COMP DED PPE 6/11/2021	(19,316.82)
DEFERRED COMP PPE 6/11/2021 PLAN 401(A)	(6,583.36)
CIGNA CLAIMS PAID THRU 6/21/2021	(74,339.22)
ENTERPRISE LEASE PYMT	(8,910.15)
DEPOSITS	643,780.93
CHECKS	(2,622,120.08)
VOIDED CHECK(S) #350050, 351536, 351627	621,851.25
BALANCE 6/29/2021	35,889,496.86

INVESTMENTS - CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

<u>Certificate Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL	0.03%	20,500,000.00
BAYVANGUARD BANK		10,182,744.32
TOTAL INVESTED		<u>30,682,744.32</u>
PETTY CASH BALANCE		<u>12,275.00</u>
<u>GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS</u>		<u>66,584,516.18</u>

CASH STATEMENT 7/06/2021

BALANCE 6/29/2021		35,889,496.86
TOTAL ADP PPE 6/30/2021		(16,022.55)
DEFERRED COMP DED PPE 6/30/2021		(990.00)
PENSION DED PPE 6/30/2021		(768.40)
CIGNA CLAIMS PAID THRU 6/28/2021		(100,342.01)
ELECTION BOARD PPE 3/23, 3/30, 4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27, 5/4, 5/11, 5/18, & 5/25/2021		(57,657.27)
USDA/RD QTRLY BOND PYMT #92-03		(9,478.00)
WELLS FARGO GOLF EQUIP LEASE PYMT		(128.00)
JULY 2021 RETIREE HEALTH INS PLAN #727		(31,923.84)
TALBOT COUNTY FREE LIBRARY 7/2021		(126,614.00)
TALBOT COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY 7/2021		(34,163.00)
BOARD OF EDUCATION 7/2021		(7,361,871.00)
DEPOSITS		7,616,277.36
CHECKS		(2,881,581.21)
VOIDED CHECK(S) # 350431, 351632, 351567, 351668		17,059.91
BALANCE 7/06/2021		<u>32,901,294.85</u>

INVESTMENTS - CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

<u>Certificate Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL	0.03%	20,500,000.00
BAYVANGUARD BANK		10,182,744.32
TOTAL INVESTED		<u>30,682,744.32</u>
PETTY CASH BALANCE		<u>12,275.00</u>
<u>GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS</u>		<u>63,596,314.17</u>

CASH STATEMENT 7/13/2021

BALANCE 7/06/2021		32,901,294.85
TOTAL ADP PAYROLL PPE 6/25/2021		(652,780.24)
DEFERRED COMP DED PPE 6/25/2021		(18,794.76)
DEFERRED COMP PPE 6/25/2021 PLAN 401(A)		(6,592.76)
PENSION DED PPE 6/25/2021		(38,663.34)
CIGNA CLAIMS PAID THRU 7/6/2021		(46,879.73)
ANNUAL FEDERAL EXCISE TAX		(1,725.93)
DEPOSITS		2,628,454.44
CHECKS		(973,761.78)
BALANCE 7/13/2021		<u>33,790,550.75</u>

INVESTMENTS - CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

<u>Certificate Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Amount</u>
PNC-MLGIP INVESTMENTS TOTAL		0.03%	20,500,000.00
BAYVANGUARD BANK			10,182,744.32
TOTAL INVESTED			<u>30,682,744.32</u>

PETTY CASH BALANCE

12,275.00

GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS

64,485,570.07